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Applicant	:	Zyskind, et al.	Group Art Unit 1631
Appl. No.	:	09/492,709	
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For	:	GENES IDENTIFIED AS REQUIRED FOR THE PROLIFERATION OF ESCHERICHIA COLI	
Examiner	:	A. Marschel	

AMENDMENT

United States Patent and Trademark Office
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Dear Sir:

This is a response to the Office Action mailed on December 20, 2002 (Paper Number 28), for the above-referenced patent application. Applicants would like to thank the Examiner for his time and courtesy extended during the telephonic interview of March 04, 2003. The substance of the interview is described in the Interview Summary mailed March 5, 2003 and in the accompanying remarks. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.